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JOHNSSON *et al.*

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed December 1, 2004, in connection with the above application. The period for response has been extended to May 1, 2005, by the accompanying petition for a two-month extension of time. Because May 1, 2005 falls on a Sunday, a timely reply may be filed on the next succeeding business day, May 2, 2005, pursuant to 35 USC §21 and 37 CFR §1.7a.

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